

THE TOWNS AROUND.

BARNET.

The village school had a tree with interesting exercises by the school Christmas eve.

Those who attended the exercises and tree at the Center Christmas night enjoyed a long and varied programme.

The campers of "Camp Raymond" were entertained Christmas eve by George I. Brown. The decorations were very pretty, the dining room deserving special mention. The walls were covered with evergreens, the table having birch bark mats and napkin-rings, each decorated with sprigs of pine, and three candles of pine branches in the center of the table.

The following Sabbath School officers were elected last Sabbath: Superintendent, Julian P. Laughlin; assistant superintendent, Miss Alice M. Smith; secretary, Miss Bertha Stevens; treasurer, R. K. Laughlin; librarian, Miss Anna Perry; assistant librarian, Miss Nellie Harris; superintendent of home department, Mrs. Mary W. Boardman.

Dr. Hitchcock of St. Johnsbury removed an abscess for Mrs. William Harvey Saturday, Dec. 26, and she is now much more comfortable.

Bert N. Gillilan is studying horology with A. S. Laughlin.

Misses Charlotte and Bertha Hazelton entertained a party of friends Tuesday evening.

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EAST BARNET.

The children were well remembered Christmas. There were two trees well loaded with presents and popcorn. The singing and exercises by the children were very fine, conducted by their teacher, Miss Louise Clement.

There was a preparatory lecture by Rev. Mr. Boardman in the school house Tuesday evening in place of the usual Christian Endeavor meeting.

There will be a singing school in the chapel this evening. Come and help sing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bailey are rejoicing over a new boarder. It is a young man.

WEST BARNET.

Last week Thursday many of the friends of Henry Hall, wishing to show their sympathy for him in his severe illness, gathered in his wood lot and cut and drew his year's supply of wood. Mr. Hall has been ill for some weeks and is not improving.

The new parsonage is completed and Rev. Mr. Brown moved into it last week. It is a very pretty two-story house with ell and barn, supplied with running water.

WEST BURKE.

The "Arcadian Retreat" has been sold to a man from Chicago who was here last Saturday night to see his purchase. Will Roundy, with a span of horses, carried him from the station up there, and as the road is not much traveled and the wind blew and it was cold, he was not favorably impressed with his trade.

There were two Christmas celebrations here, one at the G. A. R. hall Thursday night and one at the church Friday. The display of presents was quite liberal.

Twenty degrees below zero here Monday morning, making it the coldest of the season yet. Several families lost their water by freezing Sunday night.

Quarterly meeting at the Methodist church last Sunday. Presiding Elder Hamilton preached one of his usual able sermons.

L. Warren was recently elected superintendent of the Methodist Sabbath School.

Presiding Elder Hamilton, during his sermon Sunday said he knew of no place in Vermont of the size of West Burke where death had made such ravages as here since he came on to the district.

The mail route from here to Westmore, ten miles back, daily, is said to have been had off by one Jones of London, Kentucky, for the sum of \$450 and some cents per year or fifty cents a trip, the cost of a dinner and horse baiting at Gilman's, also that the same party has Newark and Burke Hollow routes, at less than the carriers now get and they get only starvation prices.

The Methodist church have a roll call of members this afternoon. The Ladies' Aid society will furnish supper from 4 to 6 o'clock. A social time until 7 o'clock and several speakers in the evening is the order of exercises and all are invited to be present.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. D. Dickerman on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 5.

The annual meeting of the Literary society will be at Mrs. Bull's Saturday afternoon, Jan. 2. All members are requested to be present.

Fred Lindsay, who has been sick a number of weeks, is a little better.

Mrs. Blodgett of Newport spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Oscar Woodruff.

Miss Alice Townsend came home from Rhode Island to spend a week with her parents. She returns Saturday.

Will Roundy has been engaged to keep the sidewalks clean. Now it only had some street lamps. Think about it.

Will Allard has rented William Booth's store and will put in a stock of groceries and a meat market. He will live in one of the tenements in the Smith house.

Mrs. William Stafford and children of Lunenburg are visiting her mother, Mrs. Varney.

The W. R. C. had a Christmas tree at the G. A. R. hall on Thursday evening, and there was one at the Methodist church on Friday evening. The exercises were fine at both places.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Roundy were very pleasantly surprised Wednesday evening, the 23d, about 50 people called to remind them that they had been married 10 years. Rev. Mr. Wright in behalf of the company, presented them with a nice chamber suite and a commode set. Cake, coffee and fruit were served.

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WEST CONCORD.

Darwin Owen of Methuen, Mass., has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Owen.

George Reed has gone to West Groton to drive a team for J. R. Darling & Co.

Mrs. Hiram Joslin, who has been in New York for several weeks, has returned home.

H. H. Hicks of Chicago and F. G. Hicks of Boston spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hicks.

Miss Mary Joslin, who has been in New York and Boston the past year, returned home last week.

LYNDON CENTER.

The children of the Free Baptist Sunday School gave Christmas exercises at the church last Friday evening. There was also a Christmas tree.

The "Mystery Tea," given by the Junior Christian Endeavor last week Thursday evening, was enjoyed by a good number.

Mrs. A. C. Cahoon is a candidate for the post office under the new administration. Mrs. Cahoon would serve the public in that position in a most efficient manner.

E. H. Hinds, the village merchant, has been obliged to suspend business on account of financial embarrassments. The heaviest creditors are Griswold & MacKinnon, St. Johnsbury, J. L. Lee & Co., Boston, Milliken, Thomas, & Co., Portland. His reported indebtedness is over \$3,000 and he will probably pay about 20 cents on the dollar. It is hoped he may be able to resume business. Too much credit is the chief cause of his trouble.

Mrs. Miller's house is being wired for electric lights.

H. W. Lyster is using spare moments evenings building air castles in Spain or some other old country with a box of blocks received as a Christmas present. Or perhaps he is building a model for a future residence, which he ought to soon have use for.

Prof. Curtis, a former instructor at the institute and now of Glen Falls, N. Y., is visiting friends in town.

State Auditor F. D. Hale of Lunenburg, brother-in-law of Representative Silsby, has been in town this week.

The frame for Elisha Bigelow's new house is up and the work is progressing rapidly, though the workmen have to stop for an occasional warming up of the hands.

Junior Christian Endeavor services at the Congregational vestry Sunday at 3 p. m.

There were fine Christmas concerts in both of the churches Thursday evening. Presents were also distributed from heavily-loaded trees. It was a merry time for the children.

Five families in town received a good Christmas dinner, compliments of Mount Sinai Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The last annual meeting of this order appropriated \$100 for this purpose and Lyndonville received \$10 of it.

The Red Men hold a special meeting tomorrow evening. A delegation will be present from the St. Johnsbury tribe.

Christmas evening the passenger train men very pleasantly surprised W. H. Ford, Mr. Folsom's chief clerk, by presenting him with two beautiful pieces of furniture, a divan and an easy chair.

Mr. Ford came here from Barton, having served the railroad company as station agent there for a few years, and since coming here has won the esteem of all by his gentlemanly and upright dealings with them.

The Congregational Sunday School presented Superintendent W. A. Loomis with a fine chair as a Christmas remembrance.

A good Christmas trade is what the merchants report. S. Stern's large department store did a rushing business. This is a store that Lyndonville can well be proud of.

Representative Frank W. Silsby lies in a very critical condition at his home here. His illness is caused by a complication of nervous prostration, lung and heart trouble.

The social event of the season thus far took place in the Lyndon club rooms Tuesday evening, the occasion being the year party given by the wives and lady friends of the members of the club. About 100 were present. The programme included billiards, whist, dancing in the hall above and refreshments. The Lyndonville orchestra furnished the music. The ladies did the honors in a manner highly satisfactory to the gentlemen. The spread was an excellent one, as was indicated by the manner in which the gentlemen kept their ladies busy replenishing their plates.

A good number attended the Foresters' dance in Music hall Wednesday evening. Prof. Bonette and wife gave an exhibition on the trapeze and slack wire during the first part of the evening. They did many daring acts and were roundly applauded.

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LUNENBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Strain of Groton spent Christmas with Mrs. Strain's family.

F. D. Hale and family went to New York to spend the holidays. They were suddenly called home by the severities of Mrs. Hale's brother, F. W. Silsby of Lyndonville.

The Christmas exercises passed off finely and all the little ones did well showing much painstaking by their teachers. The trees were filled with pretty things for young and old and a merry hour was spent.

A number of our people came home to spend Christmas, among them Miss Hannah Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. Charles King and Chester Gray.

Those who are to send their milk to the condensed milk factory at Whitefield, commenced doing so last Tuesday. Harry Day has taken the job of carrying it.

The creamery here is doing a large business for this time of year, the demand for Lunenburg creamery butter being much greater than the supply just now.

About twenty new books have been added to the public library within a few days ago.

Mrs. Alonzo Parker and her grandson, Harry Bowker who have been spending some time in Berlin, returned home a few days ago.

MCINDOE FALLS.

Perry's.

The Christmas tree at the academy Thursday evening was a pleasure to the little folks, who were all out to see what Santa brought them, and went home well pleased.

The cantata, "Crowning of Christmas," passed off very successfully and the children all looked pretty. Each holiday in the year was represented. New Year's was rather the prettiest, it being a little girl clad in white and accompanied by four little maidens who represented the four seasons. Little Brock Duncan made a fine master of ceremonies and Mr. Morse represented Christmas and made a good Santa Claus. He was awarded the crown. The tableaux after the cantata were fine. Among them were "Fifty Years Ago," "Dancing the Minuet," "Music, Song and Dance," "The Last

There was a Christmas tree and exercises at the Congregational church Thursday evening and at the Methodist Friday evening.

Hiram Kittredge died Thursday of consumption and his funeral was Sunday. He was about 35 years old and had been in poor health for some years.

George Ide's house and barn are now lighted with electricity.

Mrs. Flora Zimmerman and Sherman Buich of Lunenburg were married Monday at the residence of Rev. P. B. Fisk. Miss Fidelia Fisk of Boston and Mrs. George Fisk of Burlington were here to attend the marriage.

Mrs. Trull and Lorenzo Eaton are planning to leave for Huntington, Fla., next Wednesday.

Select dance in Grange hall this evening. Refreshments will be served by the ladies of the order.

Chord," "Rock of Ages," "Queen of Hearts," and several others. Miss Dewey is to be praised for the successful way in which everything passed off. There was a full house and about \$11 was taken at the door, a good amount considering the admission was only 10 cents.

PASSUMPSIC.

The following officers have been chosen by the Christian Endeavor society for the next six months: President, C. H. Woods; vice president, Elmer Lockie; secretary, Nettie Lewis; treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Wark; chairman of committees, prayer meeting, J. D. Skinner; lookout, F. W. Mason; social, J. H. Wark; Sunday School, A. E. Luce.

The Sunday School officers for the year 1897 are as follows: Superintendent, C. H. Woods; assistant superintendent, Mrs. A. P. Hawley; secretary and treasurer, J. S. Somers; librarian, L. H. Vitty; executive committee, C. H. Woods, J. D. Skinner, F. J. Randall, Mrs. A. P. Hawley; Mrs. M. A. Skinner.

The Christmas concert was given on Thursday eve and the church was packed to the doors. The concert was one of the best ever given here and was heartily appreciated by all. Special features were the banner marching song; St. Nicholas a pantomime; and Christmas by the little ones. The children had their parts perfectly and were heartily applauded. A large number of presents adorned the tree and brought happiness to many hearts.

The social by the C. E. society on Tuesday evening was fairly well attended and a pleasant time was enjoyed.

Ira Smith's old sorrel horse is no more. Ira is using one of Tim Keith's for the present.

Elmer Symes is now at work in the shoe factory at Littleton, N. H.

PEACHAM.

C. A. Bunker went to Randolph last week to Castleton this week, looking after the Normal schools.

Miss Mary J. Way has been spending the holidays at home.

Eugene Ash, who is working at Woodsville, N. H., was in town over Christmas.

E. H. McLachlin of South Hadley Falls has been in town for a few days recently.

John Williams from Williams college, and Alice Williams from Warren, Ohio, are spending the holidays with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Williams. Mr. Johnson of Springfield, Mass., is also a guest at Mr. Williams.

Miss Jennie Mackay has been home from St. Johnsbury the past week.

A. S. Fisher and wife of Hardwick were in town the first of this week, the guests of their sister, Mrs. Minnie E. Brown.

Quite a number of our singers are attending the musical convention at Groton this week.

W. A. Ricker and family of St. Johnsbury spent Christmas here.

Lexis Blanchard is home from Dartmouth for the holiday vacation.

The mail route from Peacham to Barton has been bid off by W. H. Steele, London, Kentucky.

David Harriman of St. Johnsbury is visiting friends in town.

The following was the musical programme Christmas Sunday at the Congregational church.

Organ voluntary—Adeste Fideles. Hagan Carol—It came upon the midnight. R. L. Willis Anthem—The King of Glory. Selected Anthems—Fantasia. Mozart Postlude—Precious Memories. Rubinstein

RYEGATE.

At the Congregational meeting Tuesday the following officers were elected: Clerk and treasurer, S. F. Nelson; trustees, W. H. Nelson, Charles Miller, Hermon Miller; collectors, Sara Nelson and George Symes.

Miss Emily Glover, teacher in Montpelier Sunday, and Hannah Holmes spent Christmas with their parents.

Mrs. E. E. Symes is spending a week with her mother, Mrs. E. C. Holmes.

Herbert Lyster spent Christmas at St. Johnsbury.

Miss Nellie McLam is home to attend the wedding of Bella Sargent.

The C. E. society gave a social in the vestry of the church Thursday evening.

SOUTH RYEGATE.

An entertainment will be held in the Reformed Presbyterian church on New Year's evening.

Miss Elizabeth Hall is spending her vacation with her parents. She returns to Springfield, Mass., Monday, to resume teaching.

The week of prayer will be observed by both churches, meetings every evening next week.

Communion services will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning. Preparatory lecture Saturday afternoon.

Isaac Eastman is quite sick with bronchitis and is entertained for his recovery.

ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER.

Rev. I. P. Chase recently made a short visit in this village.

Miss Annie Grover was the guest of her sister, Mrs. McLaughlin, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Finch have been spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brook.

The Ladies' Aid society are to give a social this evening in the vestry of the Congregational church.

Bert McLaughlin has been quite ill for the past few days.

Miss Hattie Learned has returned home to spend the winter.

James Pringle is spending his vacation at home.

The Ladies' Aid sewing society met with Miss Ida Learned last Tuesday.

Next Sunday the Congregational Sunday School will elect their officers for the following year and a full attendance is requested.

The L. T. L. held a meeting last Monday evening for the election of officers, which were as follows: President, Miss Stella Allen; vice pres, Miss Lizzie Ayer; sec., Miss Jennie Whitney; treas., Willie Prester; steward, Miss Ella McLaughlin; organist, Miss Grace Campbell.

On Sunday morning there will be a love feast at 9.30, and preaching at 10.30 followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. In the evening the pastor will give an address on "Resolutions and How to Keep Them."

The Methodist and Congregational churches will unite in observing the Week of Prayer. Let all who can attend the meetings.

ST. JOHNSBURY EAST.

Eddie Cushman has been obliged to discontinue his studies at the business college for the present on account of his health. Christmas day he was surprised at the quantity of mail he received, which upon investigation showed that all the students had each written him a letter containing Christmas greetings and kind wishes, at the thoughtful suggestion of Mr. Harbour.

Miss Lena Severance, who has been at work at St. Johnsbury, has returned home quite ill with symptoms of typhoid fever.

Mrs. Calvin Wood and son of Laconia are visiting Mr. Wood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wood.

Charles Graham is home from Dartmouth college for the holidays.

Harry Merchant has rented a part of Mrs. Moulton's house and will move his family here soon.

Edward Lee of Harvard college is spending his vacation with his grandmother, Mrs. Nathaniel Lee.

Willie Hinman returned home from the hospital Sunday, his eye having nearly healed.

The C. E. society held a sunrise prayer meeting at the residence of Miss Bertha Lee this morning.

The following officers have been elected by the Sunday School for the ensuing year: Supt., W. A. Graham; assistant supt., Mrs. Lella Patterson; sec. and treas., W. A. Graham; librarian, Miss Ella Prouty.

Mrs. H. H. Moulton and Miss Abbie Smith were home from their schools over Christmas.

Miss Carrie Griswold returns to her school in Vergennes Saturday.

The Margaret Missionary society met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. L. W. Fisher.

The annual meeting of the Grove Cemetery association will be held at the vestry Friday, Jan. 5, at 1 o'clock.

The Christmas exercises at the school-house last week Thursday afternoon and also at the church Friday evening were very interesting, the young people rendering their songs and recitations very nicely.

Well filled Christmas trees also added to the pleasure of the occasion.

The C. E. society were invited to the parsonage Thursday evening from 9 to 12 o'clock. The New Year was ushered in with appropriate exercises.

SUTTON.

There were several neighborhood and family Christmas trees in town besides the one at the Town hall, the last one was Friday evening. The exercises were interesting and a goodly number were remembered by their friends with presents.

The Ladies' Aid are to have an entertainment at the Town hall this evening. It is called an "Old Maid's Sale." We do not know just what that is, but suppose that time will tell.

H. D. Chapman has bargained his place at the village with W. R. Rounly, price \$1,000. Mr. Chapman has been to Lyndon Center to look at a place with the view of purchasing it.

Silas W. Gray has sold his farm, where he lives to Aymer M. Berry of Sheffield. Who says real estate is not changing hands in Sutton lately?

Harlow Easterbrook met with a very severe accident last Friday. He had taken a young horse out of the barn to water and was putting it back. While in the stall beside the horse, it crowded him up against the side of the stall and jammed him badly, breaking in some of his ribs, and otherwise hurting him. It will be a long time before he gets over it as he is a man of some 78 or 79 years of age.

Thursday Jan. 7, the regular monthly meeting of the Free Baptist church is to be a church roll-call. All resident members are expected to be present if it is possible to do so, if not they should report by letter. All non-resident members have been written to and asked to report themselves at that time either in person or by letter.

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